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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Special Services Fees and Classifications) Docket No. MC96-3

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS RICHARD PATELUNAS
(OCA/USPS-T5-2-4)
(July 17, 1996)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits an interrogatory and request for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA Interrogatories 1-4 to the United States Postal Service dated June 19, 1996, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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OCA/USPS-T5-2. Certified mail pieces are being marked with fluorescent taggants. See Business Mailers Review, July 1, 1996.

- a. If fluorescent taggants are being used to reduce costs for other special services, please identify the special service and explain how these fluorescent taggants will reduce costs for each special service identified.
- b. For each special service that is the subject of Docket No. MC96-3, please provide estimated per transaction or per piece cost savings from fluorescent taggants for the test year and FY 97. Please provide supporting workpapers.
- c. What are the cost savings from fluorescent taggants by relevant special service that are incorporated into the roll forward of costs from FY 95 to FY 96?
- d. If cost savings from fluorescent taggants are not factored into the roll forward of costs from FY 95 to FY 96, please explain why not.

OCA/USPS-T5-3. Refer to Exhibit USPS-T-5C concerning the costs and revenues for certified mail. Please confirm that attributable costs for certified mail decreased 20.8 cents per transaction, representing a 17.6 percent decline, from FY 1994 to

FY 1995. Specifically, the attributable costs per piece decreased from 118.2 cents to 97.4 cents per piece. If you do not confirm, please explain.

OCA/USPS-T5-4. Refer to Exhibit USPS-T-5C, Cost and Revenue Analysis, at 16, concerning the costs for certified mail. Please identify and explain any changes in mail processing and delivery that would account for the 17.6 percent decline in attributable costs per transaction for certified mail from FY 1994 to FY 1995.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 3.B(3) of the special rules of practice.



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